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SUBJ: DOLANC AND GRICKOV MEET THE PRESS

1. JAN 22 LCY EXCOMM SECRETARY STANE DOLANC AND LCY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECRETARY ALEKSANDAR GRICKOV MET WITH FOREIGN NEWSMEN. DESPITE PRESS EMBARGO, DETAILS OF PRESS CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO WESTERN DIPLOMATS HERE. MAJOR POINTS DISCUSSED WERE HOSTILE FORCES CAMPAIGN AND ECPC MEETING.

2. HOSTILE FORCES: DOLANC SAID THAT IN COURSE OF PAST YEAR THERE HAD BEEN POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND THAT IN A CERTAIN SENSE LCY HAD EXAGGERATED THEM IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST HOSTILE FORCES. YUGOSLAV SYSTEM WAS STABLE AND GROWING, AND NUMBER OF HOSTILE GROUPS WAS PRACTICALLY INSIGNIFICANT BUT COULD STILL BE DANGEROUS. DOLANC REITERATED THAT DOGMATIST GROUPS HAD ALLIED WITH EMIGRES AND OTHERS "OUTSIDE". SOME, LIKE KIEV GROUP, MOVED FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER, AND DOLANC REMARKED SLYLY THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THEY COULD LIVE THERE SINCE THE COST OF LIVING IN PARIS WAS VERY HIGH.

3. ECPC: DOLANC SAID "WE HAVE STILL NOT DECIDED WHETHER
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WE WILL PARTICIPATE OR NOT AT THE CONFERENCE." FINAL

DOCUMENT WAS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON ANY ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE. DIFFERENCES PERSISTED OVER CHARACTER OF DOCUMENT, WHETHER IT SHOULD TAKE FORM OF COMMON PLATFORM OR POLITICAL COMMUNIQUE ONLY MENTIONING POINTS OF AGREEMENT. DIFFERENCES ALSO EXISTED OVER APPROACH TO CRISIS OF CAPITALISM IN WEST, SITUATION WITHIN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES (VIZ. ATTEMPTS BY SPANISH CP TO RAISE POSITION OF INTELLECTUALS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA), DISARMAMENT, RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DETENTE AND BLOCS, AND ALIGNMENT WITH EUROPEAN PROGRESSIVE AND LEFTIST FORCES. DOLANC AND GRICKOV OBSERVED THAT EVEN IF CONFERENCE DID NOT TAKE PLACE, PREPARATIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN USEFUL ANYWAY SINCE EXISTING DIFFERENCES IN "INTERNATIONAL WORKERS MOVEMENT" HAD BEEN FREELY DISCUSSED FOR FIRST TIME AND HENCEFORTH IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PUT TOGETHER A "MONOLITHIC UNITY". SWEITZER

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